IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

VS.

ORDER

DANIEL BRIAN BURKE,

Defendant.

Before the Court is the United States' Opposed Motion to Contact the Jury Foreperson. (Doc. 128.) The Court does not see a meaningful distinction between the United States' proposal and an improper request "to interview jurors to discover what was the course of deliberation." *Smith v. Cupp*, 457 F.2d 1098, 1100 (9th Cir. 1972).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 128) is DENIED.

DATED this 11 day of June, 2020.

Dana L. Christensen, District Judge

United States District Court